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## Letter Written By John Quarles Put In Gazette

Asks Benson Be Drafted  
Governor Of Arkansas  
On "We, People" Ticket

Appearing on the editorial page of the Arkansas Gazette yesterday was the following letter from John M. Quarles of Helena, Arkansas.

"To the Editor of the Gazette:

"A new year is here with the United States of America at war. This will cause many changes in the lives of millions of our people, as well as the upsetting and reconstruction to many business enterprises.

"Today we have got to give a thought to economy and if our law-makers can enact laws whereby the tax-paying public in Arkansas can be saved from three to four million dollars per year, does it not behoove everyone to make fair demands upon every candidate who offers for office to pledge himself for this purpose?

"Here is a thought I wish to offer. That 'we the people' of Arkansas draft a man as a people's candidate for governor and I am taking the liberty of offering the name of a man who has and is proving himself an economist with ability to do a big job. If elected governor would give Arkansas a fair and economical setup that will be something for many other states to follow.

"The man I propose is Dr. George S. Benson, head of Harding College, Searcy. He is a man among men and he has proved his ability as an economist and is fighting for political economy both in national and state governmental costs.

"We can elect Dr. Benson as a people's choice by forming Benson clubs in every county and nominate and elect him without any political entanglements so he can be governor free to act without his hands being tied in comparison to our good, honorable, tried, trusted and true (to themselves) professional politicians who work to promote and to perpetuate themselves in office."

## Benson Spends Quiet Day, Jan. 1

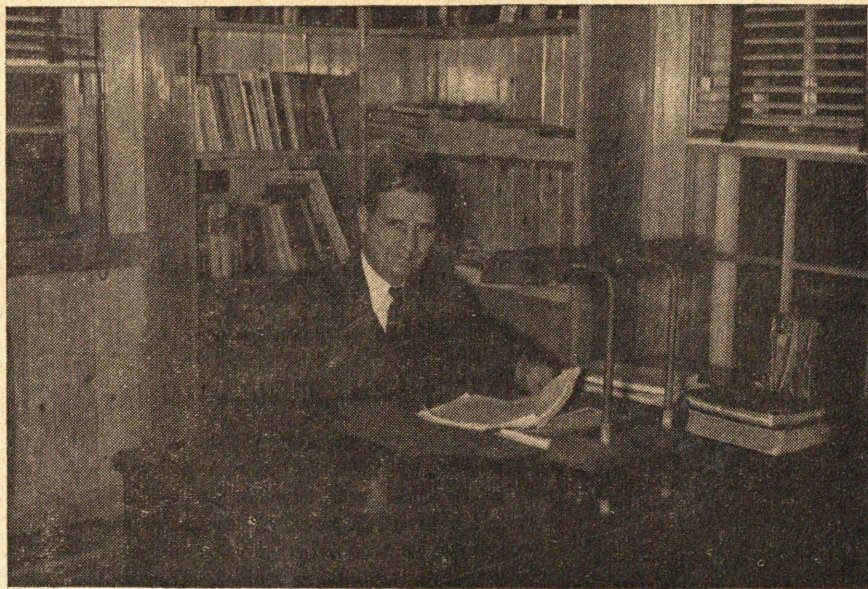
President Benson celebrated New Year's day by spending a quiet day at home—or that is what he calls a quiet day.

All of his morning preliminaries, washing, dressing, and eating, are over by eight o'clock. From 8:00 to 8:30 instructions are given for campus work; 8:30 to 12:15 is spent in office;

1:00 to 1:45 he inspects halls in boys' dormitory concerning minor repairs; 1:45 to 2:00, conference with Dean L. C. Sears regarding adjustments of curriculum to meet with war times; 2:00 to 2:15, conference with head of chemistry department; 2:15 to 5:30 dictating and signing letters; 6:30 to 7:00 press interview; 7:00 to 10:00, work in office.

That is what Dr. Benson calls a "quiet" day! He does not always strictly follow the "Early to bed early to rise" proverb, but often bleary eyed students, before going to bed at a late hour, can glance at the lower south west corner of the administration building and see the president of their college "burning the mid-night oil."

IN THE MASTER'S DEN



"I hope every students of Harding College, however, will remain conscious that we are still living in God's world and that 'No king is saved by the multitude of an host.' Psalms 33:16"

Above is shown Dr. George S. Benson in his study room.

## Our Emergency

By Pres. George S. Benson

The seriousness of America's national situation continues to increase or at least the seriousness of the situation is becoming increasingly clear to us.

At any rate, the loss of Hong Kong, of Manila and Cavite, meaning that the complete loss of the Philippines is imminent; and the strong attack being made upon Singapore all indicate critical conditions in the Pacific.

The rationing of automobiles and automobile tires marks changes in production and carries a warning of increasing privations that civilians will be expected to endure as the war progresses.

I believe that no college in the United States will have a student body more fully loyal to the stars and stripes than is the student body at Harding College. I am anxious for us all to tighten our belts now and prepare to cheerfully accept hardships which may become necessary for citizens to endure.

It is going to be mandatory for the entire nation to economize more as the cost of the war increases from month to month. Fully fifty per cent of the total national income probably will be required to finance the carnage, which means an average of fifty per cent of each individual's income will be requisitioned. Some of this will be given up in direct taxation and much more of it will be in indirect taxation.

This war shall test two great philosophies of government rule. The one grants freedom of industry, freedom of labor, freedom of religion, freedom of speech—yes, freedom in everything that does not impose upon the liberties of others. The opposing totalitarian ideology sets up a dictatorial government forcefully subjecting its citizens to the economic, social and religious as well as to the political regimen of the state.

I hope every student of Harding College, however, will remain conscious that we are still living in God's world and that "No king is saved by the multitude of an host." Psalms 33:16.

Therefore, the greatest service that each of us can render in this emergency will be found in our working hard to increase righteousness in our land—I mean that righteousness which is according to the word of God as revealed through the life and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May we, therefore, strive to maintain the highest possible quality of Christian living on the campus of Harding College and may we with all earnestness seek to prepare ourselves for more effective spiritual leadership during and following this crisis.

## Sum Of Benson Acts In "Arkansas Gazette"

### Benson To Speak For Detroit Body

After the business trip to Washington, D. C., this week, President George S. Benson will speak before an assembly of the combined civic clubs at Detroit, Mich., January 12.

The subject of his address will be "Our Double Responsibility in This Emergency." It concerns the winning of the war and emphasizes the laying of the proper foundation for preserving American democracy afterwards.

Dr. Benson stated that he is cutting down on the frequency of his lecture trips in order to attend to more pressing duties.

However, he will go to Chicago to address the annual convention of the Illinois Lumber and Material Dealers Association. The convention will be held in the Stevens Hotel February 11.

He shall speak before a state-wide organization in Little Rock January 19, and before the civic club at Osceola January 20.

### "Dr. Benson Banters With Quizzers On Rocks In His Shoes"

By Ed WALLACE

(Ed. Note: Ed Wallace is a New York World-Telegram staff Writer. This article is reprinted in whole from the World-Telegram dated October 31, 1941. The New York World-Telegram is a Scripps-Howard publication.)

Dr. George S. Benson, president of a little college in Arkansas, is frequently asked if he puts rocks in his shoes. Either that or where he left his guitar.

When this happens Dr. Benson says "yes" and the questioner then purples, chokes and wrestles his stomach in most uncontrollable glee.

But that's all right with Dr. Benson. There's no finer, cleaner fun than poking jokes at Arkansas, especially if a person has a resolute, substandard I Q.

"I just tell them about some of our barefooted old boys," explained the college president. "When they run down a rocky hillside at night you see nothing but a trail of sparks."

HEADS HARDING COLLEGE

Dr. Benson is president of Harding College at Searcy (pronounced Sir-see), and the boast of this school is that it has no unemployed graduates. The teaching staff is littered with men holding doctor of philosophy degrees, most of whom have refused positions at richer schools for several times their present salary. Sixteen hundred dollars a year is like getting to heaven without the usual inconvenience.

"All anybody is going to get out of life is living," Dr. Benson said, "and I guess that is our best drawing card. Our teachers know they are doing something worthwhile."

Dr. Benson came into national prominence recently by a speech on public spending before the Ways and Means

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### Little Rock Daily News Prints Letter Written By Trustee, Ex Student

In a letter printed in the Little Rock newspaper, the Arkansas Gazette, December 21, Clinton Davidson wrote a summary of Dr. George S. Benson's non-defense economy drive to date. Mr. Davidson is a former student and now a trustee of Harding College. The letter follows.

"Your future taxes depend more upon the amount spent by the Government than upon any other single item. Last May, Dr. George Benson pointed out to Congress \$2 billion of unnecessary non-defense items. Today he says that defense expenditures (actual cash paid out) have increased \$3 billion unnecessarily because of no proper Price Control Bill and that, if not corrected, we will be paying \$100 billions for \$50 billions of material.

"Because of the obvious effect of these items on your taxes and because I have been in touch with Dr. Benson's work for five years, I would suggest that during the next five minutes you let me take you behind the scenes, show what has happened, what is happening and why. Thanks—here we go.

"Senator Byrd has, for eight years, been working on an economic program which includes combining in one Committee the raising and spending of Government money, but he could not get it done. This year I witnessed Congressman Wesley E. Disney question Mr. Marriner Eccles, Mr. Leon Henderson, and others, trying to get them to suggest any nondefense budget item that could be reduced or eliminated, but they refused. (The President had also urged that a certain \$500 million measure should not be passed and later the large road building measure was passed over his protest.) The Congressman carried on a lone but valiant fight which appeared to be as hopeless as Senator Byrd's.

"The Economy League and the Citizens Emergency Committee, two organizations with a long list of prominent sponsors, with financial backing far exceeding that of Harding College, and with employees whose salaries looked like luxury compared with Dr. Benson's \$150. per month, are also working on the problem. Lots of workers—but no results! The situation looked hopeless.

"Dr. Benson, however, knew how to get things done. I knew of the successful Statewide program for the return to the old American principles of individual initiative and thrift, instead of governmental paternalism and waste, which he had been directing for five years and which was financed solely by Harding College, the institution of which he is President.

"Many have asked, 'How did the College finance it?'. Well, they had no endowment, no State assistance, no wealthy friends, but if a boy worked an hour a day on the grounds or farm they gave him his board and tuition for a year for \$200. Whatever profit (?) was made out of that \$200 was used to pay for the 'Real Americanism' educational campaign. I knew every detail of it, because I am a Trustee of Harding College.

"Dr. Benson told me of his desire to have this wasteful Federal paternalism stopped. He said that the situation was not hopeless, that if enough people whose own economy record was invol-

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# Bensonian Doctrine: "Thrift and Work"

In reviewing the old year, 1941, Harding students eagerly discuss how President George S. Benson shocked legislators, business men, and just folks with the simple teaching that the government is spending too much money in alphabet agencies like the N Y A, C C C, and W P A set ups.

And we talk about how he showed where the government does not use its income efficiently in numerous other departments unessential to national defense.

Dr. Benson went to Washington, D. C., in May and stirred the House Ways and Means Committee to uncustomary applause when he stated that the government could mend its money spending ways to the tune of two billion dollars and be in harmony with the economy philosophy practiced at Harding College.

Appealing to government authorities first and receiving their stamp of approval, Dr. Benson began at once his crusade throughout the United States for nondefense economy. He knew the people would have to tell their representatives in government to cut down on expenses.

So it was just folks that he began to lecture, preach to, and scold for not demanding thriftiness while they were still free to demand it under a democratic system. He continually warned them of inflation, socialism, and dictatorship if they should let their beloved country fall in debt and become prey to the wiles of devilish tormentors of debtors.

Along with all his plain talk on saving money and spending money in the right places, Dr. Benson talked plainer to Harding students as well as to just folks about work.

During a conversation at a party in the president's home New Year's Eve he remarked that sons of great men often fall short of their father's achievements. The very living in the house of plenty takes away the work idea. Indeed, being satisfied takes away the necessity for work.

Some folks often speak of work as something to be avoided and shirked. The philosophy of American peoples

is to work a short eight hour day and retire at forty in the complacency of rural estates.

Life is work. In the work of a man is found the purity or filthiness of his heart. Good work displays the goodness of the soul.

Life is good and, so, is work. For the good life is not without love even as the good work is not accomplished without love. Let not your work be without love. It is better to let another do your work with love and put yourself on relief rolls to receive alms than to poison a good work with reluctance, distaste, and evasion.

Love is the beloved of Work. In her Work finds the fulfillment of his desires. The offspring of Love and Work are named Service, Accomplishment, Success, and ten thousand other nomens of perfection's virtues.

In Dr. Benson we have a great teacher. The simplicity of his doctrine reflects the spirit of the Christ.

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HARDING COLLEGE, SEARCY, ARKANSAS

JANUARY 6, 1942

## Campus Effusions *Dear Angus....*

### CRUSADER'S THEME SONG

George Benson tells the nation  
If we don't fight inflation—  
We might go broke  
Which ain't no joke  
And then we'd face starvation!

### NEWS! NEWS!

About the greatest sensation  
that's happened within our nation  
Is a thrifty man's knowledge  
From a small town college  
Who warns us about inflation.

### BENSON SHORT STORY

Balanced budget,  
Economy,  
No excessive nondefense expenditure,  
Slicing appropriations, is the  
Only safe policy to follow for  
National security.

### BENSON MIGHT SAY:

"They are burning too much franking  
cents at Washington and using too little  
Franklyn sense," in connection with  
Ben's proverb, "A penny saved is a  
penny earned!"

### AT OUR SCHOOL

Thrifty Harding College  
Where we work to get our knowledge,  
We farm and cook and stew  
For payments we've got due  
At any trade or shift  
Just so the living's thrift.

## ALUMNI ECHOES

Dr. George S. Benson, '26, is president of Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas.

Serving as a missionary to China from 1925 to 1936, Dr. Benson was also professor in English at Sun Yat Sen National University from 1929 to 1930, and editor of the "Oriental Christian," Canton, from 1932 to 1936.

He was the founder of the Canton Bible school, and served as president until 1936. He has been president of Harding College since that time.

Dr. Benson is a member of the American Education Association, honorary member of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, member of the Kiwanis Club, and is listed in "Who's Who in America," and in the "Biographical Encyclopedia of the World."

Educated at Harding College from which he received his B. A. degree, 1926, and LL. D. in 1932, Pres. Benson also attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, from which he received his M. A. in 1931.

On May 15, 1941 he delivered an address before the House Ways and Means Committee, Washington, D. C., which was then printed in toto in the Congressional Record. The address was concerned with the nondefense expenditures of the Federal Government. He advocated a \$2 billion reduction in appropriations in such expenditures.

Since the most talked about, publicized fellow on our campus is none other than the president of our college, I deem it altogether fitting and proper that I devote this week's letter to telling you about him.

Of course, one can't truly appreciate him until they see him in every day life, whisking from one building to another, tipping his hat to greet a passerby, not even slightly retarding his speed. He doesn't have much time for foolishness these days, but you can tell by some occasional stunts that "He's a jolly good fellow" and "well met."

Yes, quite a fellow our President! Just recently he told me how he got soused by a Chinaman while in bed. It was a coolie that did it. (If you don't know what a coolie is, he's an unskilled workman in the Orient, a native, but don't confuse him with our W. P. A.)

They were aboard a boat, and the coolie, carrying a large bottle of water was suddenly set off balance by the rocking of the boat, and over went the water, about four gallons, into Dr. Benson's hammock-like bed. The coolie expected to be brutally flogged, but the good natured missionary just shook the

water off him and laughed. (Dr. Benson spent eleven years in the Orient as a missionary.)

But the most interesting thing to me is that Dr. Benson did not start making his economy speeches when he went before the Ways and Means Committee, but he had been making them long before, and about the same teaching in theory. He's talked economy ever since we have known him. Some say he learned much of that in China—I don't know. If he did, and if it weren't for "them Japs over there," it would pay every college student to make a quick visit there.

I see my space is all taken, Angus, and I haven't told you half what I could, but any way, here's how the majority of the students feel toward Dr. Benson and appreciate his work:

We'd like to, if it were not too much of a breach of ethics, respect, etc., just go up to him and shake his hand and say to him in our own way, 'Congrats, George! Nice goin'.'

Your friend,  
Unk.

## In Appreciation

*TO President George S. Benson, we, the students of Harding College, recognizing*

YOUR splendid idealism tempered with realistic understanding of facts: political, social, educational;

YOUR inspiring example of personal life, moral and spiritual, which is set before us;

YOUR ambitions to serve human-kind in whatever capacity you may, reflected in service for Christ in dark lands as in your energetic efforts toward national economy;

YOUR able leadership of a great college and the promise of growth and enlarged service which it has through your leadership;

YOUR devotion to our ideals of Christian education, with which your Alma Mater, and ours to be, will be imperishable in spirit and influence;

*DO herewith present our signatures in expression of admiration and hearty approval for your invaluable service to our college. Respectfully presented this sixth day of January, nineteen-hundred forty-two.*

(Ed. Note: A copy of the above statement, appropriately printed on leatherette paper and signed by the students will be sent to Dr. Benson.)

## BACKSTAGE Spirit Of Christ

PSALMS 33:4-22

For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

## THE BISON

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## President's Home Erected, Occupied; Built By Donations

Besides buying a new car for which they had saved until they could pay cash, the Bensons moved into the new President's Home located at the northeast entrance of the campus. The house was erected chiefly by donations.

Built of light buff matt-face brick, and roofed with green asbestos shingles, the house is finished in New England Colonial style.

On the first floor is the living room, dining room, a bedroom, kitchen and bath. Three bedrooms, the master den and two baths are located upstairs. There are ten closets in the house four of which are cedar-lined.

The house faces the west. The living room occupies the south side of the first floor and is finished in paneled wainscoting. A large open fireplace, paneled and pilastered, is centered in the south wall. The paneling is oyster white as is the woodwork throughout the home.

A bay window with built-in seats and a lunch counter between the dining room and kitchen instead of a breakfast nook are features in the dining room.

The kitchen contains built-in cabinets and a recessed refrigerator as well as an electric stove.

The winding stairway leading from the foyer has paneled walls. On the second floor, the master bedroom has powder blue walls; the guest bedrooms, nine green walls; and the two children's rooms are papered. Random width, v-joint knotty pine lines the master den. The bathrooms are finished in pink and blue tilax.

All outside walls and the attic are insulated with rock wool. An air-conditioning fan is located in the attic. Windows are pre-fit, weather strip Colonial style.

The garage is connected to the north side of the house by an entry-way. The hot-water heating plant is located behind the garage.

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## Tax Foundation Praises Benson

President George S. Benson was presented a silver medal in recognition of his efforts toward achieving national economy, at a nation-wide meeting of the Tax Foundation in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, December 3.

Approximately 750 representatives of the Tax Foundation from 28 states attended the meeting. Alfred P. Sloan and other prominent business and industrial leaders were present.

Louis H. Brown, president of the Tax Foundation and head of the John Manville Corporation, in presenting the medal stated, "A number of you present know well that committees of Congress are difficult to impress. But George S. Benson went before the Congressional Ways and Means Committee last May and made the most remarkable impression in recent years, with a plain common sense appeal. This common sense appeal for economy found immediate nationwide recognition."

Senator Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, who has been active in Senate economy moves and who spoke on the Tax Foundation program with Dr. Benson, was also given a medal.

## "Dr. Benson Banters" (Continued from Page 1)

Committee in Washington, this followed by a series of articles along the same line in the World-Telegram.

BORN AT TALOGA

He was born at Taloga, Okla., and educated at Oklahoma A. & M. College. He taught school in China, preached in Oklahoma, then went to Harding College five years ago.

In New York to speak before the third annual dinner of the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, and broadcast over the NBC red network, Dr. Benson wasn't too busy to throw a few facts around for Harding College.

"The college stresses the sanctity of marriage and the tragedy of divorce," he explained. "We find that most of our student problems arise among boys and girls from broken homes. We don't try to make preachers of our boys, but we ask them all to study the Bible. We think there is nothing like it for building character."

NOT A DAMP CLOISTER

Harding College, however, is no damp cloister filled with young people greying

in early piety. Football experts never figure them for a prosperous Saturday and the student body would never think of paying a fortune to have one of the Dorsey fellows come and blow hard for a night. Harding is just a small college in the middle of Arkansas where young people ponder over books for four years in the hope of eventually making their living with something more wieldy than a one-horse plow.

Social activities, Dr. Benson explained, center around the riding stables where a student can hire a saddle horse for 25 cents an hour.

As for the president, himself, he said three little Chinese girls had their own explanation.

CALLED "FOREIGN DEVIL"

"They saw me coming up the street when I was teaching in China," Dr. Benson explained. "They all began singing 'Here is a foreign devil!'"

"I explained to them that I was a foreigner, but not a devil," Dr. Benson said. "They considered this a minute, then one little girl said: 'Maybe not, but you sure look like a devil!'"

## Party Given By Mrs. Benson

At a New Year's Eve "watch" party in her home Mrs. Sallie Hockaday Benson entertained eleven guests.

While waiting for the New Year to come in, the gathering played parlor games. Near twelve Mrs. Benson served cocoa, sandwiches, and fruit cake.

President George S. Benson and Ruth and Lois Benson received the guests who were Dean and Mrs. L. C. Sears, Prof. Neil B. Cope, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Richard and Bonnie Sue Chandler, Arthur Moody, Juanita Rhodes, Ethel Turner, Marilyn and Raylene Thornton.

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<div>Bradley's Barber</div> <div>Shop</div> <div>On Market St.</div> <div>Come in and See us</div> <div>WEST MARKET ST.</div>	<div>James L. Figg</div> <div>LICENSED OPTOMETRIST</div> <div>EYES TESTED</div> <div>GLASSES FITTED</div> <div>Searcy, Ark.</div>



# Correspondents Pen Praises To Benson For Economy Efforts

In support of his philosophy of finance Dr. George S. Benson has received many letters, especially commenting on his testimony before the Ways and Means Committee last May. Quotations from a few of those letters follow.

W. L. Behan, sr., Hill-Behan Lumber Company, St. Louis, Mo.:

"We think that your testimony in the tax hearing on May 15 was the best thing that we have heard of because it is so full of common sense and so clearly stated."

Walter E. Spahr, economists' national committee on monetary policy, New York City:

"I want to congratulate you on your splendid testimony before the Ways and Means Committee of Congress on May 15. It was a magnificent job—and it needed to be done."

W. T. Grant, president, Business Men's Assurance Company, Kansas City, Mo.:

"I am so impressed with it that I would greatly appreciate being able to pass a copy to each member of our home office and field organization."

G. W. Greene, Kansas City, Mo.:

"Just a line, to tell you the great good and help in my own thinking, that I derived from your plea for economy to Congress, as reported in the Chicago Journal of Commerce. I am sending for reprints so that I can send them to friends, who are as much interested in taxes and economy and the situation, as I am."

## Summary Of Benson Acts

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nerable came before Congress with sufficient courage to tell the Congressmen the blunt truth, emphasizing that we were traveling the road to inflation and disaster, our Congress would do something about it—that his College has already secured results in his own State, etc.

"He next interviewed many Arkansas leaders, checking with them the soundness of his proposed program and making certain that he correctly represented the thinking of his State and, as you know, on May 15th he created a sensation by presenting his ideas to the Ways and Means Committee in unvarnished form.

"He mailed out, that day, five copies of his report, including one addressed to Mr. Phil Hanna, then Editor of the Chicago Journal of Commerce. A new mail clerk threw it in the wastebasket. It was found later, purely by accident, and printed in Mr. Hanna's column. It became necessary for the Journal of Commerce to make over 500,000 reprints of it to satisfy the continuous demands. A total of 2 million reprints have been made and circulated—all without any effort on the part of the College, Dr. Benson, or the writer—it was purely spontaneous. Here is how the fire spread:

NEWSPAPERS: News items and editorials in 224 leading dailies from coast to coast; all Scripps-Howard papers carried 8 front page articles (pictures included): Omaha World Herald 3 full pages; Barron's 2 full-page articles; many others also carried full-page articles.

"STIR EM UP" ADDRESSES: Dr. Benson has given 30 addresses in 15 states on this subject, before civic, advertising and tax organizations and Chambers of Commerce. Some paid him, the majority did not. He averaged \$5.75, over traveling expenses, per address. In-

stead of paying him, nearly all of them said two things. (1) 'This is the most important address we have ever had' and (2) 'You must not write to or solicit assistance for your campaign from any of our members or from men who attended this meeting—that would violate our rule.'

RADIO: N. B. C. national hook-up of 15 minutes; transcriptions of 15 minutes on 600 stations; two thirty-minute transcriptions; four other broadcasts from large cities.

### RESULTS:

1. The day after Dr. Benson's testimony before the Senate Finance Committee, President Roosevelt encouraged the idea by expressing his belief that \$1 billion could be eliminated.
  2. Senator Byrd's long desired resolution was passed with two other resolutions which are now producing results.
  3. National educational publicity secured on this subject, never before equalled by any other individual or organization.
- "Who did the work? Dr. Benson. Who else? No one else!
- "Whol paid for it? Harding College paid practically all of it. Less than \$200 from other sources has been used.
- "There are two other steps in this program more far reaching and more imperative than the reduction of nondefense expenditures, two steps which particularly affect all those who wish to retain capitalism and to avoid a dictator form of government in this Country—a program which I believe Dr. Benson, and he alone, is equipped to carry on to a successful conclusion—but that is his story.
- "I merely wanted to encourage you by showing the difference between the results secured by the various parties and organizations that were working on the program before Dr. Benson came to Washington and what has happened since. The only encouraging factor for the future financial picture, in the midst of a Price Control Bill which is absolutely impotent (because it does not control wages) and in the entire 'after the war' problem is, that Dr. Benson is still available.
- "Hoping that this report has encouraged you, it is respectfully submitted by, (and the letter is signed, Clinton Davidson.)

## Committee Questions, Comments After Benson Testifies

After making his address advising a slash of two billion dollars in nondefense spending, Dr. George S. Benson underwent questioning by the House Ways and Means Committee.

He was commended for his answers and given more information supporting his convictions. Extracts from comments made by the Congressmen composing the Committee are as follows:

Mr. Reed: "Dr. Benson, I just want to say after hearing your statement, if I had another boy to educate I should think that I should put in an application at Harding College."

Mr. Treadway: "Mr. Benson, supplementing what Mr. Reed said. I wish to say that tomorrow at the opening of the session of the House, I am going to ask to have your statement printed in the Congressional Record. I think it is the most illuminating statement that we have had presented to us by any witness in the weeks that we have been having this hearing and I congratulate you most heartily on the statement that you have presented, and I would like to ask you some questions but I will not."

Mr. Crowther: "I would not like to ask Mr. Benson any questions but I collaborated with my distinguished colleague from Minnesota, and if it was within the rules I would offer a motion that the witness be given a rising vote of thanks by the committee, but as that would transgress the rules, I hope that he will accept the will for the deed."

The Chairman (Mr. Doughton, ranking democrat): "The Chairman would like to make this further observation, in appreciation of the splendid statement

that you have made. Not only have you made recommendations, but you have also made concrete suggestions as to how these recommendations can be effectuated and it is of interest to me, as Mr. Buch has said, as an individual member of Congress."

Mr. Robertson: "As an educator, and interested primarily in young men of small means do you feel in this emergency that we would be justified in eliminating all of the appropriation for N. Y. A.?"

Dr. Benson: "Yes; I would."

Mr. Knutson: "I just merely want to say to Mr. Benson that it is very heartening to me personally to know that there are still a few old-fashioned Americans left in the country who believe that we should spend less than we take in. You have encouraged me, and I believe that the country is not quite lost yet."

Mr. Jenkins: "Today there has come to my desk an article that I cannot vouch for—its authenticity and for its entire truthfulness—but I think that it is a dependable report and I am advised by this writing that there is one department of the Government that has for its exclusive use a radio station and that in the last year that radio station has not been in use more than about 50 minutes a month..."

"That radio station operates about an average of 50 minutes a month at an expense of about \$1,500 a day.

"Now, I am asking you whether or not that is in line with some of your investigations."

Dr. Benson: "Yes; ... I know if we operated Harding College in keeping with a principle like that we could not keep two boys on what it costs the Government to keep one in the C. C. C. camps."

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